

K The Kiwanis Club of Abilene KIWANIGRAM



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Briarstone Manor is located at: 101 Elpens Court, Abilene, TX 79604 Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon

CELEBRATION BANQUET

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene has reason to celebrate, and what a celebration meeting it was at Little Italy, Italian Grill, 1417 South Danville Drive, for dinner. Our thanks, to Lodovick (Luigi) Tetaj and his wife Albana, for accommodating us. Dinner was buffet and included such yummy dishes as Tortellini Alfredo, Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Parmigiana, and Spaghetti. Of course there was salad, homemade bread with dipping sauce and our choice of cheesecakes. A record was made with, 56 members and 43 guests, in attendance this year. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT!

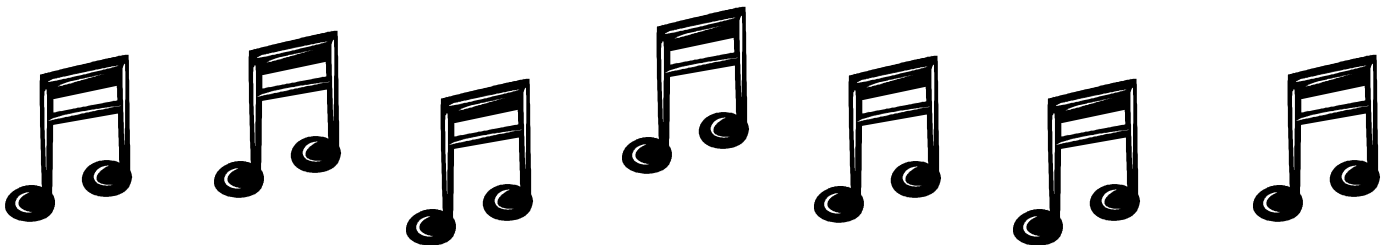
President Dowell presided over the banquet and was very excited to welcome so many. **Carl Lockett** led the prayer including special mention of our friends and family members in need; **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the evenings singing, and **Lora Lynn Christensen** led the pledge.



With Italian music to dine by, **Gloria Fanous** then introduced Dr. Diana Ellis, who, sang just beautifully in Italian. Diana has spent the summer singing in Italy.

OUR GUESTS

Nancy Miller had the pleasure of introducing guests. Lt. Governor-Elect Gene Linder and his wife Janette. Honorary member, Rosemary Choate. Janis Thompson, Jennifer Young, Cindy Darby, Helen Collins, Jimmy and Valencia Stevens, and Harold and Anne Lee. Paula Berry, Laretta Blackburn, Marcy Bomar, Melba Boozer, Don Christensen, Earlene Clay, Charlotte Davis, Dorothy Dowell, Betty Hammons, Britt Jones, Sharon Jones, Elaine Kirkpatrick, Joan Knight, Cynthia Laster, Richard Lee, Pat Lockett, Becky McDonald, Mike McGrew, Janet Nix, Nancy Phillips, Dolores Poynor, Mary Pritchett, Beth Purcell, Ann Scargall, Janice Smith, Jacquelyn Smith, GayeLynn Williams, Wynell Williams, Frances Williamson and Ginger Zavatson.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

President Dowell then presented certificates of recognition to the following members: **Guinn Smith, Pamela McGrew, Glyn Hammons, Lora Lynn Christensen, Russell Berry, Charles Kirkpatrick, Donald McDonald, Carl Lockett, David Jones, Bruce Davis and Caroline Lee.** Unfortunately **Royce Manning, Lynda Fogerson, Keith Garner and Joe Felton** were unable to attend. **Nell Sims and Dennis Laster** were presented with plaques.

EXTRA MILE

This award is for a member who epitomizes the highest level of volunteerism in service to children and community in the T/O District. A committee of our clubs Past Lt. Governors selected and submitted the accomplishments of **Clarence Presswood.** Chris and Kristen Carnohan had the pleasure of presenting the EXTRA MILE award to Clarence.



LEGION OF HONOR AWARDS

Kiwanis International honors Kiwanis members who achieve 25 years or more of membership and service. Henry McGinty had the pleasure of presenting these awards to the following members.

Twenty five Year Certificates were presented to Billy Clay and Glyn Hammons. Mike Waters, Jeff Goodin, Keith Garner and Melvin Martin were also recipients.

Thirty Year Certificates were presented to Dr. George W. Knight and Earl Williams. H. B. Terry was also a recipient.

Thirty Five Year Certificates were presented to Billy Phillips and Donald McDonald. Jerome Carter, Kirby Leeson and Ray King were also recipients.

A Sixty Year Certificate was then presented to Henry McGinty by President Dowell.

BAILEY G. CHOATE

The late Bailey G. Choate was a bigger-than-life Kiwanian! He lived and breathed service through Kiwanis and was a Kiwanian for over 50 years. Bailey so epitomized the spirit of Kiwanis and because of that the club established the Bailey G. Choate Award for Long-time Kiwanis Service this year.

Vice President David Jones had the pleasure of presenting this first award ever to

Henry McGinty

a member since October of 1946. David also recognized honorary member and Bailey's wife, Rosemary Choate with a beautiful bouquet of red roses.



FAREWELL

President Dowell thanked the Board of Directors for a great year with faithful attendance and careful attention to policy and procedures. Leaving the board this year are: Gloria Fanous, Doug Williamson, Ken Lenoir and Kelly Jones. Also out-going are Vice Presidents Clarence Presswood, David Jones and Carl Lockett.

President Dowell also thanked President-Elect Margaret Hoogstra for her leadership of a very successful Pancake Day.

With thank you's as well to Secretary Nell Sims, Assistant Secretary Henry McGinty, Treasurer Ricki Brown, Foundation Treasurer Kimberley Cole and Immediate Past President Bill Hoogstra for all of their time and hard work.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dowell's comments as out going president were brief but heartfelt. "The Kiwanis Club of Abilene is a great club with a great history and a great legacy, indeed, "the greatest club in this or any other universe!" What an honor it's been to serve as your president." President Dowell noted the accomplishments of the club this past year, the hundreds of hours volunteered and the thousands of dollars raised through our major fundraisers. "What a great year! There is not a nobler cause than Changing Tomorrows Today." "Young Children are Priority One, and we do make a difference by giving children a chance to learn, to experience, to dream and to succeed. Thanks for making it happen, and thanks for letting me be part of the journey!"



INDUCTION OF INCOMING BOARD AND OFFICERS



Lt. Governor-Elect Gene Linder began with the following, "Kiwanis is a verb. That is, it's something that you do. It's something that you do, maybe everyday, but at least a couple of hours a week, or a whole lot more for some. But the real dedication is to a single purpose, and that is of improving our communities, service to our communities especially to benefit the most needy, young members of our community. Kiwanis is a great organization that has been doing that for many, many years, and this club has been doing it for many, many years."

He then presented the incoming and outgoing board, directors and officers with Kiwanis pins and installed all of the new members.

To Margaret Hoogstra President-Elect he had this to say; "You have been elected to the highest office that your club can bestow. It is an office of great honor; it's one with great responsibilities. To no small degree, the success for your club in this new year depends on the leadership that you exhibit in the conduct of the club at board meetings, at counseling and inspiring committees. You've been provided with the materials and education designed to help you administer this club as its chief officer. Those special areas that you can give attention to such as, inspiration, spiritual considerations, your own responsibilities and being sure to be able to delegate those responsibilities as well to others. Those will be extremely important. And so I urge you to accept as our goal the task of making your club better, more meaningful to its members and more valuable in its service to the community."

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



“It’s a great time to be a Kiwanian-Amen!”

Incoming President Margaret Hoogstra acknowledged the Kiwanis Club of Abilene’s strong, strong foundation, established well over 80 years ago. She told how that has made the club instrumental in making a difference in the lives of individual children and the Abilene community. Each year is and will continue to be a building block.

Margaret thanked President Dowell for guiding us, directing us and continuing the legacy. She also thanked those who provided leadership as board members, directors and committee chairs.

“I am really honored to take up the mantle of leadership for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. It’s a humbling experience, its one that I am looking forward to. I can tell you that some things are going to change. Change is inevitable, it comes along because we are living, breathing creatures and as such we have a club that changes. So I can promise you this year we will have changes. But, I can also promise you that one thing will remain the same. That, the Kiwanis club of Abilene will continue to look to make a

difference in the lives of children and in the Abilene community.”

KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR

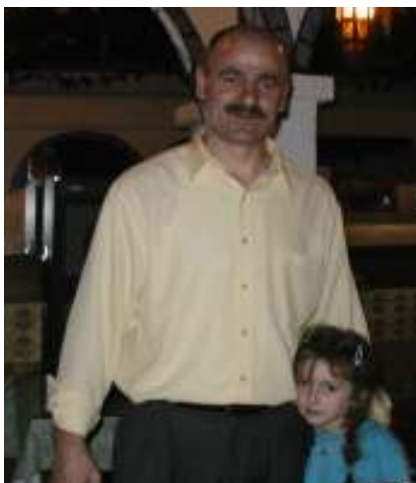
It is the award that everyone is anxious to have announced. Last year’s recipient, Clarence Presswood had the honor of presenting this award to a very surprised

Lora Lynn Christensen.

Clarence told us about Lora Lynn’s childhood, where she went to school, even about her wedding; he talked about her husband, children and grandchildren. Lora Lynn’s very proud children sent along messages for their mother that Clarence shared with us. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



THANK YOU



President Dowell thanked the celebration committee for their work and presented Gloria Fanous with a bouquet of yellow roses.

Thank you Gloria for sharing them with your committee, they are lovely!



Once again; a big **thank you** to Lodovik (Luigi), Albana, and daughter Mary Tetaj, at Little Italy, for a wonderful evening.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS –October

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

10/11/06-Shane Davidson “AISD Realignment”

10/18/06-Joe Specht “Songs of Abilene”

10/25/06-Gary McNoll “FBI”

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11/01/06-Committee Day

11/22/06-Thanksgiving Program (spiritual Aims)

KIWANIS’ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/12/06-First Board Meeting of 2006-2007, Briarstone Manor, 12 noon.

10/19/06-Program Committee Meeting, Briarstone Manor, 12 noon.

10/28/06-K-Family Conference

11/03/06-United for Kids Tailgate Party

OUR NEXT PROGRAM-October 4, 2006

Connie Stephens, M. S., CC-A, is an Audiologist and Director of the Hearing and Balance Center at West Texas Rehab. She was just named Employee of the Quarter by her peers at the Rehab. Connie also teaches Audiology at Hardin Simmons University and is currently serving on a committee for the American Academy of Audiology.

Connie has her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her Master’s degree from UT Dallas. She has lived in Abilene for almost 25 years and has three children, two are at TCU and the other is at Texas Tech.

Do you know everything there is to know about hearing loss, dizziness, and imbalance? Connie plans to share important information everyone should know about these medical issues.

MEMBERSHIP

Let’s open the door wider this year. It will never close, so that we may always welcome new members to our club. **LOOK** and you will see that there are people just waiting to help us “change the world one child and one community at a time.”

Keep this in mind-



WHY BE A VOLUNTEER

It’s not for the money; it’s not for the fame

It’s not for any personal gain

It’s for love of fellow man

It’s just to lend a hand

It’s just to give the tith of self

That’s something you can’t buy with wealth

It’s not the medals worn with pride

It’s just for that feeling deep inside

It’s that reward down in your heart

It’s the feeling that you’ve been a part

Of helping others far and near

That makes you a VOLUNTEER

(Author Unknown)

WHAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER

2006-2007 OFFICERS

Margaret Hoogstra *President*
Lora Lynn Christensen *Vice-President*
Bruce Davis *Vice President*
Guinn Smith *Vice President*
Gordon Dowell *Immediate Past-President*

Carl Lockett *President-Elect*
Ricki Brown *Treasurer*
Kimberley Cole *Foundation Treasurer*
Ty Purcell *Secretary*
Henry McGinty *Assistant Secretary*

2006-2007 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Charles Kirkpatrick
George Knight
LuGene Lewis
Pam McGrew
Kenny Smith

ONE YEAR

Russell Berry
Dennis Laster
Clinton Nix
Sheila Watts
Mark Young

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